

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

May 2019

President's Message

I just got back from a trip to the South Fork of the Platte River in Colorado, and the place was beautiful. The scenery was almost as good as the fishing. Picked up a pretty 20" rainbow on a Jujubee Midge under a Red Zebra midge. The Trouts Fly Fishing fly shop in Denver set me up nicely. Be sure to stop by if you ever land in Denver. Then, a visit to Flies and Lies in Deckers, CO where I fished was also helpful.



May 8 is a date you may consider as I will be volunteering at the Wounded Warriors event at Lake Suson. This is a much shorter drive for the veterans than the trout parks, and much easier to attend. We'll be fishing for blue gill/pan fish, bass and catfish. I received the invite from Amy Milne. If you're interested in joining, please give me call.



This month's Montauk outing still has plenty of rooms available. The outing takes place May 17th through 19th. I encourage everyone to consider joining me and call Ed Olander to book a room. Our outings are always a good time and one of the major benefits of membership of Ozark Fly Fishers. Ed had been doing an amazing job keeping these outings going each month. See page 2 for more information.

Terry and Roxanne Wilson had a great presentation on ponds at our April Monthly Meeting. It was fascinating to expand from our usual topics and to learn more about warm water fishing. A big thank you to Terry and Roxanne for coming out to speak with all of us.

See you on the water!

Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers
Email: drasch27@hotmail.com

Questions about the Newsletter?

Email OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

May

General Monthly Meeting
Greensfelder Rec Complex
May 23, 2019, 7:00 PM
Guest Speakers:
Steve Antonic and Al Bourisaw (See p. 2)

June

Member BBQ & Fly-Casting
Tilles Park, STL County
June 27, 2019, 7:00 PM

July

General Monthly Meeting
Greensfelder Rec Complex
July 25, 2019, 7:00 PM


Branson Fly Fishing Expo


Lions Community Building,
1015 MO-76,
Branson, MO 65616, USA
July 26-27, 2019


August

General Monthly Meeting
Greensfelder Rec Complex
August 22, 2019, 7:00 PM

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Outings Report – May 2019

May – Montauk State Park Outing

May 17, 18, and 19, Montauk State Park - Salem, MO

We have reserved 10 motel units, (Rooms MO9 through MO18). In addition, we have reserved the Searcy Building for meals, hospitality, and fly tying.

Cost: \$220.00 – Includes lodging for two people for two nights, and the Saturday night BBQ dinner.

Reservation, food item, and payment are due to Ed Olander by May 13.

Please contact Ed Olander ASAP for your room reservations and to bring a food item for the Friday Night Favorite Stew/Soup Recipes Potluck and Saturday lunch. Breakfast is on your own. For the potluck, the following are needed: 4-5 stews/soups, appetizers, salads, and desserts.

Saturday night's BBQ dinner is catered by Olig's BBQ with beef brisket, pulled pork, potato cheese casserole, slaw, green beans, rolls and condiments. OFF will furnish coffee, ice tea, soda, and water. For those not rooming with us are welcome to participate in the pot dinner/lunch and the BBQ dinner for \$15.00 per person. Note: Please provide your stews and soups in a crockpot to keep them warm.

Make your checks out to "Ozark Fly Fishers" and mail to:
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Phone: 314-566-1422 Email: olanderedward@att.net

May Meeting Guest Speakers

Steve Antonic and Al Bourisaw

"All You Ever Wanted to Know about Fishing for Trout on the White River"

Ozark Fly Fishers' very own Steve Antonic and Al Bourisaw will be our May Meeting Guest Speakers. Steve and Al regularly fish the White River in Arkansas. Their presentation will include their preferred boat-type and how to rig it, how they rig their rods, and what their "go-to" flies are for the White. Attend and learn their preferred techniques, and where the most productive spots are on the White. With decades of experience between them, this is sure to be a fantastic program. You don't want to miss it.

Greensfelder Rec Complex, Queeny Park
May 23, 2019, 7:00 PM



2019 Outings

May

Montauk State Park
May 17-19, 2019
BOOK NOW

July

11th Annual OFF
Stream Team Outing
Montauk State Park
July 12-14, 2019

September

White & Norfolk
Rivers - Norfolk, AR
Sept. 13-15, 2019

October

Eleven Point River
Alton, MO
October 11-13, 2019

November

Bennett Spring
Catch & Release
Sand Springs Resort
Nov. 7-10, 2019

2020 Outings

Details to come in future
Member Newsletters.

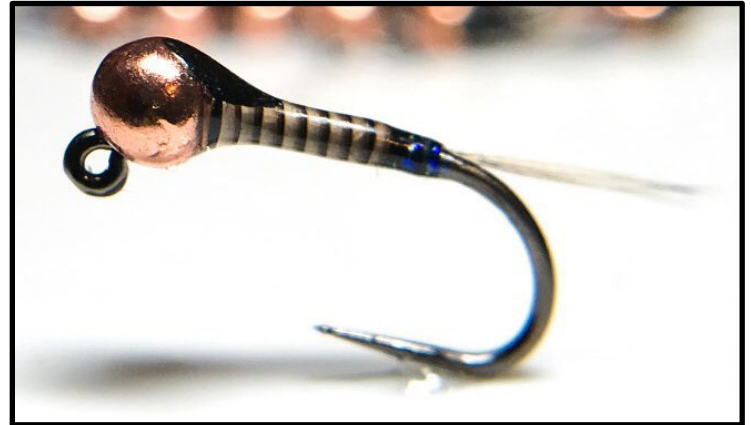


Fly of the Month – May 2019

Quilldigon Nymph

Still channeling Devin Olsen, I love this little perdigon. Traditional perdigons are made with tinsel or other shiny body material, but I have a personal aversion to non-nature-inspired patterns. I prefer the natural colors and segmented bodies suggesting a mayfly, caddis, or stonefly nymph. I prefer the BWO perdigon in particular. It has a fine tail, smooth tapered segmented body, and a dark wing case indicative of an emerging nymph. Perdigons – Spanish for bullet – fish deeper than traditional nymphs because of their streamlined design and smooth finish.

- Hook: OrientSun 5240 Heavy-Wire Jig Hook #16 - 18
- Bead: appropriately sized Silver Slotted Tungsten
- Thread: Veevus 14/0 Brown
- Tail: Coq de Leon
- UV Spot: UV Pearl Flashabou or Crystal Flash
- Body: Polish Stripped Peacock Quill - olive
- Wing Case: Black Nail Polish
- Coating: Solarez Bone Dry UV-Cure Resin



1. Position the bead on hook and secure hook in vise. Start thread just behind the bead and use several wraps to secure the bead, then advance thread to the hook bend.
2. The key to a perfect perdigon is building a smoothly tapered under body.
3. Tie in 4 – 6 CDL fibers for the tail about as long as the body and wrap over butts to just behind the bead. Trim excess. Tie in one strand of Flashabou just behind the bead and wrap down to about three thread wraps from the tail.
4. Wrap the UV material back to the tail and back to the thread. Tie off the Flashabou and wrap down to just behind the bead and trim excess. Making smooth thread wraps, build up and smooth tapered underbody ending with the thread just in front of the tag.
5. Tie in the stripped quill by the narrow end with the black stripe toward the tail with several thread wraps. Advance thread to the bead.
6. Make touching wraps of the quill covering the thread underbody evenly with no gap to the bead and tie off. Trim excess neatly, and finish with neat whip finishes. You could also add a hot-spot collar here too.
7. Add a dot of black nail polish to the top of the bead and the collar. Let dry before coating with UV resin.

I fish this as part of my various euro-nymph rigs, but it also fishes well under an indicator. Try it in olive, natural, brown, and orange. You will be surprised at how deep this fly will sink with even the smallest tungsten bead.

Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers

2019 Conservation Events

- **MAY 16** Ding Darling State Tour Performance (Powder Valley Nature Center - Kirkwood, MO) - by invitation - Legends of Conservation
- **JUNE 27** Raffle tickets for the 11th Annual Stream Team Outing will be available for purchase at the Tilles Barbecue (Tilles Park - Saint Louis County)
- **JULY 12-14** 11TH Annual Ozark Fly Fishers Missouri Stream Team Outing (Montauk State Park, Salem, MO) - by invitation - Stream Team #31 - Ozark Fly Fishers
- **JULY 27** Annual Meramec Watershed Celebration (Meramec State Park, Sullivan) - by invitation - Stream Team #727 - Northern Ozark Rivers Partnership and Stream Teams United
- **AUGUST 24** 52nd Annual Operation Clean Stream - Big River (Byrnes Mill City Park, Byrnes Mill) - by invitation - Stream Team #3797 - Trashmanian Devils
- **AUGUST 24** Passport to Clean Water
- **SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER** Missouri Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Level 3 Certification

Ding Darling State Tour Performance

May 16, 2019, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

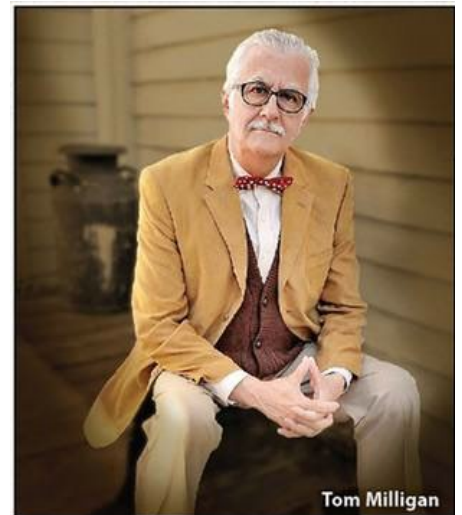
Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center - Kirkwood, MO

If you have not attended any of the Legends of Conservation performances, you should. They are not only educational, but also very enjoyable. Actor Tom Milligan will be reenacting the character of Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling. His prior performance last fall was in Jefferson City. He will be obliging us by making his way to our "neck of the woods". Come and learn about a pivotal character in the world of conservation and his efforts to establish what has become our National Wildlife Refuge system. This performance is free. Mr. Milligan's performance will begin at 7:00 pm at the Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center. After the performance Mr. Milligan will answer questions from the audience concerning his portrayed character. If you plan to attend or have any questions about these events, please contact Scott Darrough.

Scott Darrough, OFF Director of Conservation

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Pic of the Month - May 2019

This is a smallmouth was caught back on April 5th on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River at Fair Royal, Virginia. The proud fisherman is Aaron Stumpf, son of OFF member, George Stumpf. Aaron caught the Smallmouth on a Slump Buster and released the fish back to the water. Aaron was using a Sage 7-wt flyrod, and his father had a blast netting the bass for him. Nice one, Aaron!



Reel Recovery Retreat 2019

As some of you may know I am currently battling a reoccurrence of cancer which I had thought I had overcome 4 years ago. Well from April 22 – 24 I attended a Reel Recovery Retreat at Westover Farms near Steelville, MO. For those who may not know Reel Recovery is an organization that helps men who battling cancer or who have recovered from cancer. It is for any men whether they know how to fly fish or not. Below I will try to tell you of my experience as best I can.

The retreat consisted of sessions of what they called Courageous Conversation and time for fishing. The first day started in the late afternoon with getting some paper work out of the way. After dinner we had a group session of just the participants to introduce ourselves and tell a little bit about ourselves and our experience with cancer.

The second day started with breakfast. After breakfast we had another discussion session. After that was time to fish. Each participant was assign a stream buddy who would rig your fishing gear. Net your fish when you caught one. Get your flies out of the trees next to the stream and anything a good fishing guide would do. I had rigged my own fishing rod for how I wanted to fish the stream. All of the stream buddies were great. We had a morning session and afternoon sessions to fish. I had fair success fishing. I think this was because I was limited in moving around along the stream than how I would have normally.



I was fortunate to buddy up with several members of Ozark who had volunteered their time to be Stream Buddies for the retreat. Most of them have been doing this for several years and should be commended for their willingness to do so. I would like to thank the following buddies from Ozark: Steve Garnett (thanks for the ride down there and back and help with all the gear), Steve Antonic, Terry Hildbrand and Mike Swederska (I showed you there were fish in that run). I would also like to thank Marty for his help along the stream (Next time I will try to keep all the brush tangles on our side of the stream.)

My take away from the retreat was the amazement of the number of volunteers who gave up their time to be a stream buddy, coordinator or just help out getting gear together, help with meals and so on. It also was a time to get my mind off of the cancer and enjoy the outdoors. Whether I was fishing or just sitting in a lawn chair listening to the stream go by. I was also able to relate some of my frustrations with the treatment and loss of mobility and activity with others who are or have experienced the same. I would recommend any cancer survivor or someone going through treatment for cancer to attend this retreat if at all possible.

Dan Ehlmann, Secretary, Ozark Fly Fishers



Reel Recovery offers fishing retreats for adult men in any stage of treatment, recovery or in full remission from all forms of cancer. The Retreats are completely free to the participants; Reel Recovery provides all meals, lodging and fishing equipment. For more information about Reel Recovery, and to learn about possible volunteer opportunities with the organization, visit their website at <http://reelrecovery.org/>

Fly Tying Materials For Sale

Looking to stock-up on fly-tying materials? A friend of the club has reached out looking to sell their father's materials. If anything in these pictures catches your eye, please contact Tonya Merritt at 573-225-5221 Happy hunting!



Instagram Highlights

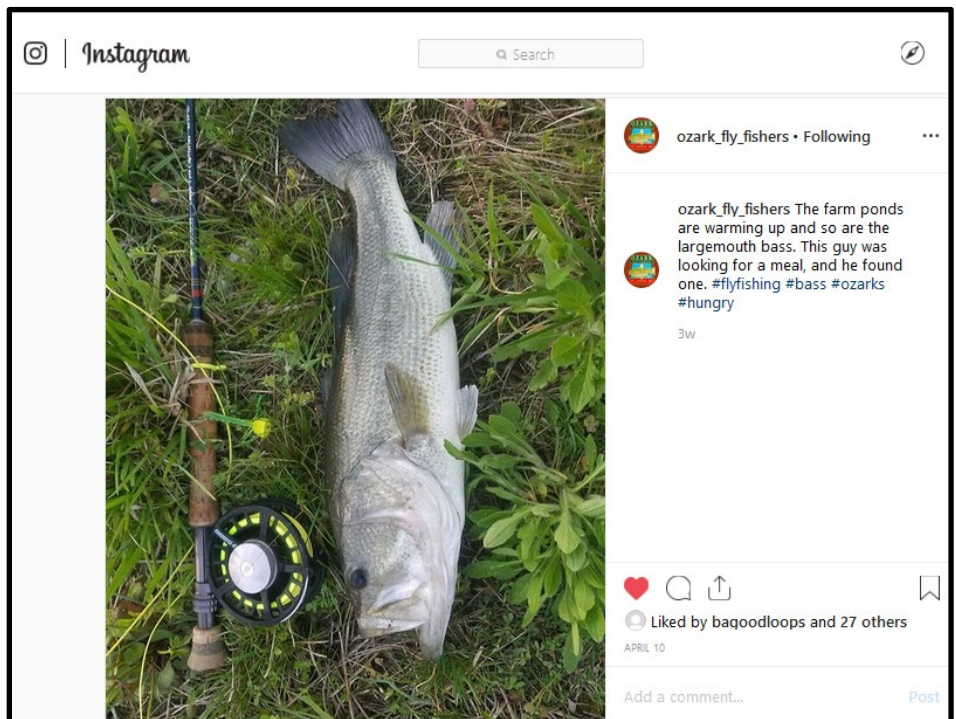
Mike Scoffic has been doing an excellent job running OFF's Instagram account and getting all of our best fish pics out for the world to see. It's a great way to not only show off our catches, but to attract new members to OFF.

Check out OFF's Instagram page:
[Instagram.com/Ozark_Fly_Fishers](https://www.instagram.com/Ozark_Fly_Fishers)

Our handle is [@Ozark_Fly_Fishers](https://www.instagram.com/Ozark_Fly_Fishers)

If you have a pic you want to show off, email it as an attachment to:
OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com

Please include a description of your picture – where you were, who you were with, what kind of fly you were using. Mike will get it posted and you can show it off to friends and family.



Communications

Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter

Do you enjoy writing as much as fishing? Have you recently read a good fly-fishing book or had a fun trip you wish to recap? The Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter is always looking for new content from our members. Articles up to 1,000 words can be submitted to: OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com.

In addition to member content, the Member Newsletter acts as members' primary source of information about upcoming events and speakers, future outings, and other important dates and updates from the Board of Directors. It is delivered each month either through email or snail mail. Many members collaborate each month to put the newsletter together, and we hope you enjoy.

Social Media

A great way to stay up to date (and not have to wait for the monthly newsletter) is to follow Ozark Fly Fishers on our social media channels. In addition to getting updates from the club, it gives you the chance to interact with other members and to share your stories, photos, and videos. Be sure to like and subscribe to the various links below. **WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS.** Sharing your photos and videos is a great way to show off your latest huge catch and to promote the club. Send photos/videos to OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com. If you have any questions about social media or even want to create your own account to interact with OFF, please reach out to Jake Voss, who is happy to help.

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Ozark Fly Fishers Website

The Ozark Fly Fishers website will provide you with all the information you'll need about the club, its members, its events, and its sponsors. The website holds an archive of past monthly newsletters, flies of the month, and photos of past OFF Events. The OFF Website also hosts the Club Calendar, which provides the dates and times of all club events, as well as some events hosted by third parties.

Our website can be found at: <http://www.OzarkFlyFishers.org> or use your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right.



Groups.IO

Ozark Fly Fishers has now joined Groups IO. To join in the discussion, all you have to do is go to <https://groups.io/> or google search for "Groups IO".

Register on the site by putting in your email and creating a password. (Write it down, save it, and keep it simple. If you lose it or forget it nobody can find it or get it for you.) They will send you an email to your address where you can verify your account. That's all you

have to do to become a member of Groups IO. Once you have registered, search for "Ozark Fly Fishers" and ask to join the group. It will send an invitation. It is that easy. We also have a subgroup in the Groups IO of Ozark Fly Fishers for the tiers in the club. Once you're a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers main group you can then join the Fly Tiers of the Long Table sub group. You **have** to be a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers **main** group to join the sub group. It's just a matter of asking to join as you did with the main group. Having problems, contact Mike Swederska at: Shur-way@sbcglobal.net



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Stream Team 31

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Reminder:

Ozark Fly Fishers meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Greensfelder Recreation Center in Queeny Park, Ballwin, MO (Unless noted differently. See OFF Calendar at www.ozarkflyfishers.org)

Donate A Fly to the Members' Fly Box

Please consider donating a fly to the Members' Fly Box which will be raffled at the 11TH Annual Missouri Stream Team Outing. You decide on the type of fly you wish to donate. The donor's name and the name of the fly pattern will accompany the fly at the time of the raffle. Our Members' Fly Box will only be as good as we the members make it, so please donate. All proceeds will benefit Ozark Fly Fishers. See Scott Darrough at the monthly meeting to make your fly donation. If you have any questions regarding this matter contact him at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com

Ozark Fly Fishers Objectives

Founded 1971

To promote fly-fishing as the most sportsmanlike and enjoyable way of fishing and the method most consistent with the preservation and wise use of our game fish.

To practice conservation of natural resources and to support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control.

To provide advice, education, and assistance to promote the art of fly fishing. To demonstrate applied techniques in fly-fishing, tying, casting and related subjects

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